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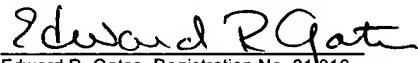
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Suketu P. Sanghvi et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, Applicants hereby elect the following single disclosed species for 1) a laxative; 2) a stool softener; 3) a peripheral opioid antagonist: 1) senna; 2) docusate; and 3) methylnaltrexone. Claims 1-112 and 114 are readable thereon.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dated: 2/13/07

Respectfully submitted,

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